Sl. No.	State	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
27.	Tripura	6.30	0.75	30.98
28.	Uttar Pradesh	63.48	102.53	65.39
29.	West Bengal	107.35	258.34	163.25

Development of National Highways in NE Region

*418. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the plan outlay for development and maintenance of various National Highways in the NER during the years 1999-2000 and 2000-2001;

(b) whether the amount allocated for the same has been utilised; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJNATH SINGH): (a) to (c) Details of Allocation and Expenditure on development and maintenance of various National Highways entrusted State Governments and Border Roads Organisation during the years 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 are as under:—

	1999-2000		2000-2001	
	Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure (upto 7/2000)
	(Rs. in crore)		(Rs. in crore)	
State Government	175.20	120.86	161.59	5.75
B.R.O.	106.39	106.39	117.50	27.04

The shortfall in expenditure during 1999-2000 has been mainly in the States of Assam and Manipur on works executed by the State Governments. The States could not utilise the allocated funds fully for reasons like poor ways and means position, disturbed law and order situation, lack of competent contractors etc.